of LBJ-RFK Feud The Beginning

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Fred Black.

There have been other interesting wiretapping cases, such FBI Retaliates as that conducted by the late J. Edgar Hoover succeeded Sen. Owen Brewster (R-Maine) in getting Katzenbach eased Howard Hughes, then owner the process of trying to put Black's apartment as all-im again in the afternoon.

of Trans World Airways. And the skids under Ramsey Clark portant:

There could be no mistaking there has been recent bugging. Regarding the Black election. In the FBI has confided to the message of the picture, by rival natural gas pipeline tronic bug, however, the FBI President Johnson that Bobby which marred LBJ's inaugurative confidence. companies.

devices were so strong that Black suite. on these visitors also.

Internal Revenue's job and it names were mentioned. For that LBJ was involved. finally convicted him-a con-politics is nothing the FBI has All this was the beginning By all odds the most sen-viction thrown out of court any business listening in on. of the Bobby Kennedy-Johnby all odds the most sensational eavesdropping case in the history of Washington was that conducted by the FBI two blocks from the Clark forced the FBI to admit the dangers of wiretapping at the FBI two blocks from the the conducted by the FBI two blocks from the the conducted by the FBI two blocks from the the conducted by the FBI two blocks from the the conducted by the FBI two blocks from the two blo White House in the Sheraton it had been listening in on a time when he is about to his inaugural on Jan. 20, 1965. Carlton Hotel suite of lobbyist Black and others on a whole- give Congress the green light following sale scale for some years.

But what makes the Fred mixed up in spying on highly the bugging.

Black bugging sensational is, placed politicians, and its 2. Attorney General Kenshuld have been President.

First, the fact that it was adjagents were most restrained nedy ordered the FBI to make cent to the VIP suite used by when they recorded, for in a thorough probe of Bobby let it be known that he is the State Department to enterstain distinguished foreign visit —not a Senator—"engaged in his partment investigators to 20 tes aside The hint was put.

despite the opposition of his triumph over Barry Goldwater on a new wiretappping law-Attorney General.

Bobby K. Vs. LBJ

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who ordered the bugging also mentioned together with Johnson as Senate Majority second term namely. Robert F. Kennedy, that of Vice President John-Leader, such a probe must But President Johnson has the FBI was not probing dropped the investigation like this, stories were leaked to the | @ 1968, Bell-McClure Syndicate, Inc.

Black's income taxes. This was a hot potato when such big press-though never proved-

his landslide visiting his brother's grave in Arlington. He arrived at the graveside in the morning, but on behalf of Pan American out of the Justice Department. Two facts stand out regard-because no photographers. Airways in the hotel suite of in retaliation, and is now in ing the FBI wiretapping of were around he came back

Sorensen, Second, and more impor-nedy himself.

Indings in his own office safe. Vice Presidents who had astant, there was some indication that the Attorney General Bob Kerr of Oklahoma was retary had long worked for this century had not run for a

was interested in the activities son and other Southwestern have been aimed at the then no intention of abdicating to of the then Vice President of friends of LBJ's. Johnson was Vice President. As it turned clear the way for Bobby Kenthe United States, Lyndon B. involved in nothing incrimi-Johnson. Involved in nothing incrimi-dealing started after Johnson retire from the White House, Officially, the FBI was sup-ions were asked as to who left the Senate, and the late he would use his influence at posed to be investigating post could win and who could not Senator Kerr, not Johnson, the Democratic convention to sible links between Black and win in certain political races. was involved as Baker's men-block Kennedy's nomination Las Vegas gamblers. Certainly The FBI would have for and benefactor. Despite in favor of Hubert Humphrey.